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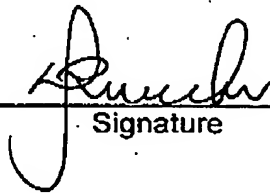
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Art Unit: 2165

Filed: 03/17/2004

Examiner: Gaffin, Jeffrey A.

Title: Method and Apparatus for Improving File System Proxy Performance and Security by Distributing Information to Clients Via File Handles

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